

BYLAW 400 – MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION OPERATING RULES

400.1 Sponsored Sports

400.1.1 Conference Sports (6/24)

The MPSF sponsors the following sports:

Men's Sports

Gymnastics
Indoor Track & Field
Rowing
Swimming & Diving
Volleyball
Water Polo
Wrestling

Women's Sports

Artistic Swimming
Beach Volleyball
Gymnastics
Indoor Track & Field
Swimming & Diving
Water Polo
Wrestling

Combined Sports

Fencing

Other sports may be added to the Conference as industry needs dictate.

400.1.2 Minimum Number of Teams for Championship

For a championship to be conducted in one of the sponsored Conference sports, a minimum of four member institutions must sponsor that sport at the intercollegiate level.

400.2 Less than Four Institutions

If circumstances present themselves due to the departure of teams in a sport that the outcome is less than four remaining teams, a championship may continue with the approval of the Administrative Committee.

400.3 Championship Team Qualification

Any member institution's team not eligible to participate in an NCAA championship due to an NCAA-imposed postseason ban shall not participate in the Conference championship event in that sport for that season.

400.4 Reclassification

Member institutions that are reclassifying are eligible to compete in a Conference championship event.

400.5 Playing Rules

NCAA rules and regulations shall govern all MPSF Bylaws.

400.6 Master Schedules

400.6.1 Executive Director Approval

Conference master schedules in men's volleyball, men's water polo, and women's water polo shall be subject to the final approval of the Executive Director. Institutions are urged to prioritize scheduling Conference members in sports where master schedules are not approved by the Executive Director.

400.6.2 Conference Schedules

Conference master schedules referred to in Section 400.6.1 shall have priority, and all deviations must be mutually agreed upon by the parties involved and approved by the Executive Director. Contests in other sports may be scheduled at the discretion of the respective institutions. Executive Director approval is not required for such scheduling.

400.7 MPSF Championships

400.7.1 Championship Events

An annual championship shall be held for all MPSF-sponsored sports. Whenever feasible, combined men's and women's championships shall be held in fencing, indoor track and field, swimming and diving, and wrestling. (6/24)

400.7.2 Championship Sites

The Administrative Committee shall approve sites of Conference Championships. Sites for these championships shall, when feasible, be set up on a rotational basis, providing equal distribution of sites between the geographic regions of the Conference. Institutions without adequate facilities, as determined by the MPSF, will pass their regular turn in rotation to conduct a championship. (6/24)

400.7.3 Private Sites

A member institution considering a private site for a championship event must forward that site's membership policy to the Executive Director. No private entity discriminating on ethnic race, sex, or religious grounds shall be approved as a championship site.

400.7.4 Championship Dates

The Administrative Committee shall approve the dates for Conference Championships in each sport for the same corresponding weekend in each year whenever possible or other suitable dates as determined by the Conference staff.

400.7.5 Host Institution Responsibilities

The host institution shall notify the Executive Director of the time schedule and related details, such as budget, housing, coaches' meetings, and publicity needs, at least three months before each championship. (6/24)

400.7.6 Officials

Officials for all championships shall be assigned by the sport's officiating assignor or Executive Director unless otherwise stated under the Bylaw covering the sponsored sport.

400.7.7 Determination of MPSF Champions

The team and individual champions shall be decided only at the Conference Championships.

400.8 NCAA Automatic Qualification

In the event that a team that is not eligible for NCAA postseason competition but is eligible for the MPSF championship and is the MPSF champion, the NCAA automatic qualification will be awarded to the highest eligible seeded team in the tournament. (6/24)

400.9 Coaches Meetings

The Executive Director shall conduct annual meetings in each sport. Meetings shall be conducted by video call, requiring the participation of all head coaches of each sport. In-person meetings may take place by permission of the Administrative Committee with advance notice and appropriate rationale. Annual meetings will take place prior to the start of each season or championship event and after the conclusion of each season. Meetings may be combined if it is feasible to do so at a championship site. Preseason or pre-championship meetings shall review important regulations and protocols for the upcoming season or championship. Post-season meetings shall review the season or championship event recently concluded and prepare the coaches and Conference for the following sports season.

400.10 Sports Media Relations Directors Regulations

400.10.1 Sports Information Director

The Sports Information Director, or his/her qualified designee, at a member institution hosting a Conference Championship shall attend all sessions of the Championship.

400.10.2 Scheduling

Each Sports Information Director is responsible for informing the Executive Director, the Conference's Media Relations Coordinator, and the Officiating Coordinator(s) of schedule changes, time alterations, etc., for all conference-sponsored sports.

400.10.3 Reporting Protocol

Reports, as necessary, are to be filed with each institution's Director of Athletics or designee by the Executive Director outlining details of any missed statistical data calls, late or incomplete calls, etc., by any member institution's Sports Information Director.

Each participating institution's Sports Information Director shall provide the Conference's Media Relations Coordinator with timely statistical and other pertinent information as required in the regular course of business. Timely submissions shall also be posted on institutional websites.

400.10.4 SID Awards Nominations

Each Sports Information Director, when applicable, is responsible for sending MPSF weekly, all-conference, and all-academic nominees to the Conference prior to deadlines.

400.10.5 Interviews

Equal access must be given to all media representatives regardless of sex when interviews with coaches and/or student-athletes are conducted, including after competition. Equal access is defined as access to coaches and/or student-athletes at the same time and place. Bringing players to a separate area for reporters of the opposite sex is not considered equal access. The institution shall determine the exact method of ensuring equal access.